

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			Application Number	Not Yet Assigned: 10/687949
			Filing Date	Concurrently Herewith
			First Named Inventor	Matsuo, D.
			Group Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned: 2653
			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned: B. VUONG
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number 00295C

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam. Units*	Cite No ¹	Document Number	Kind Code ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion
BV	A	5,125,750	A	CORLE et al.	06-30-1992	
BV	B	5,729,393	A	LEE et al.	03-17-1998	
BV	C	5,764,613	A	YAMAMOTO et al.	06-09-1998	
BV	D	6,069,853	A	NOVOTNY et al.	05-30-2000	
BV	E	6,108,292	A	ZIJP	08-22-2000	
BV	F	6,256,267	B1	HATAM-TABRIZI	07-03-2001	
BV	G	6,307,689	B1	ICHIMURA et al.	10-23-2001	
BV	H	6,307,832	B1	NOVOTNY et al.	10-23-2001	
BV	I	6,320,708	B1	UEYANAGI et al.	11-20-2001	
BV	J	6,449,221	B1	KNIGHT et al.	09-10-2002	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam. Units*	Cite No ¹	Offc ³	Document Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Relevant Portion	T ⁶
BV	K	JP	2553275	B2		08-22-1996		
BV	L	JP	8-315404	A		11-29-1996		

Examiner Signature	Bach Vuong	Date Considered	07/09/04
-----------------------	------------	--------------------	----------

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication _____ of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Place a check here if English translation is attached.

DATE MAILED: October 17, 2003

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → +

PTO/SB/08B (08-00)
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Application Number Not Yet Assigned 10/687,949	
		Filing Date Concurrently Herewith	
		First Named Inventor Matsuo, D.	
		Group Art Unit Not Yet Assigned 2653	
		Examiner Name B. Vuong	
Sheet	2	of 2	Attorney Docket Number 00295C

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Include name of author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of article, title of item, date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²
BV	M	NIKKEI ELECTRONICS, PAGES 99-105M BI, 691, PUBLISHED ON June 16, 1997.	
Examiner Signature		<i>Bach Vuong</i>	Date Considered 07/09/04

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² Place a check here if English translation is attached.

DATE MAILED: October 17, 2003